



May 12, 1977

Dear John:

Enclosed is the information I talked to you about on the phone. ~~I've also enclosed some background information on other Honorary Degree Recipients as well as their escorts.~~

Hope to see you next week.

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Enclosures



BRYANT COLLEGE

SMITHFIELD • RHODE ISLAND 02917

1977 Commencement Information

Honorary Degree Recipients

Governor Ella T. Grasso
Reverend Thomas R. Peterson
Demetrios Haseotes
Charles Wielgus
Judge Joseph R. Weisberger
Admiral Stansfield Turner

Escorts

Felix A. Mirando
E. Gardner Jacobs
Sol Koffler
Walter C. Tillinghast
William P. Robinson
Edward F. Hindle

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1. Arrival at the College -- 8 a.m.

Please arrive at the College at approximately 8 a.m. A section for parking will be reserved close to the Unistrukture (to the left as you drive up Jacobs Drive). Present the attached card at the Information Center and the officer will direct you to the reserved section.

2. Breakfast/Reception -- 8 to 9 a.m.

The Breakfast/Reception in the Staff Dining Room offer an opportunity for the invited trustees, faculty members, and administrators to meet the Honorary Degree Recipients and their spouses. Hosts for this event are College faculty members. When the trustees, faculty, administrators, and degree recipients leave for robing, spouses will be escorted by host/hostesses for a tour of the Unistrukture and then guided to reserved seats at the Commencement Ceremony.

3. Robing -- 9 a.m.

Robing will take place in Room 386, directly across from the Staff Dining Room.

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4. Processional -- 10 a.m.

Since Trustees and Honorary Degree Recipients are last in the procession, expect a long period of time in line.

All Trustees will be seated on the platform. Your seat will have your name on it together with a program.

Please remain standing, hats removed, when you arrive at your seat until the completion of the National Anthem.

Since our Commencement Exercises tend toward the informal, it is acceptable to remove your mortarboard, except during your part of the ceremony.

5. The Ceremony

We are taking license with the traditional academic program by awarding honorary degrees first.

The first honorary degree will be for Governor Ella T. Grasso. Other escorts and degree candidates should observe and follow the lead of Governor Grasso.

White 3 x 5 cards with the presentation remarks will be provided to each escort. The recipient, President, and escort remain standing during the reading of the citation. After the presentation has been made, the escort should return to his seat.

Honorary Degree Recipients are requested to remain standing with the President until picture taking is completed, perhaps 10 to 15 seconds, and then return to his/her seat.

6. The Recessional:

At the completion of the ceremonies we will be standing. Dr. O'Hara will begin the recessional and we will leave the platform in the same order in which we arrived.

At the conclusion of the Commencement Exercises, Honorary Degree Recipients will be guided back to Room 386 and then join their spouses in the Trustees' Conference Room for refreshments.

7. College Gifts to Honorary Degree Recipients:

The Honorary Degree Recipients are reminded that their hoods are gifts of the College, and they should retain them.

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